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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: CONTINUED CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS

AND CONSEQUENCES FOR USG

1. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY GREEK MILITARY THAT TURKISH FORCES BREAKING CEASEFIRE BY SHELLING NICOSIA AIRPORT WITH TANK CANNON. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT, IF ANY, JUSTIFICATION TURKISH FORCES WOULD PUT FORWARD, BUT WHATEVER EXCUSE GIVEN IT IMPERATIVE THAT CEASEFIRE BE MADE EFFECTIVE SOONEST.

2. WE HAVE COUNSELED RESTRAINT ON PART OF GREEKS SO MANY TIMES THAT OUR CREDIBILITY JUST ABOUT WORN OUT. IF WE CANNOT EFFECTIVELY END CONTINUING COMBAT IN SHORTEST TIME, WIDER WAR ALMOST INEVITABLE.

3. I HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING 6TH FLEET SINCE SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAS FAILED. I BELIEVE SITUATION NOW SO CRITICAL THAT VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO QUARANTINE OF ISLAND BY SEA AND AIR TO PREVENT

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INTRODUCTION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION OF EITHER SIDE IN

CONJUNCTION WITH STRONGEST POSSIBLE DEMARCHES TO TURKS.
YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECALL PRINCIPALLY U.S. PROVIDED
ARMS AND EQUIPMENT EARMARKED SPECIFICALLY FOR NATO
CONTINGENCIES ARE BEING USED BY TURKS.

4. QUARANTINE WOULD PREVENT SUPPLY ACTION BY TURKS AND
GREEKS AS WELL AS DENYING SUCH OPERATIONS AS REASON FOR
BREAKING CEASEFIRE.

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